



Bridgewater - Emery School District 30-3

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April 17, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019
CC Docket No. 02-6
Bridgewater-Emery School District #30-3, Billed Entity # 16056130
Form 471 # 191042057 (Certified on April 10, 2019)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Bridgewater-Emery School District ("District") respectfully petitions the FCC for a waiver of the March 27, 2019 deadline for submitting Form 471 applications for E-rate Funding Year 2019.

The District submitted and certified FCC Form 471 #191042057 on April 10, 2019 which is fourteen (14) days past the deadline. We were unable to meet the March 27th filing deadline due to having submitted a properly completed FCC Form 470 after February 27, 2019. We posted our Form 470 on March 8, 2019 and in order to comply with the 28-day bidding period, we had to wait until on or after April 5, 2019 to evaluate proposals, select the most cost-effective bidder, negotiate and sign an agreement and then submit our form 471 application.

We were late in posting our establishing Form 470 because we incorrectly submitted our original Form 470 application on February 23, 2019 (Form 470 # 190026716) but it contained fatal errors, unbeknownst to us at that time. Our mistakes were not brought to our attention until March 7, 2019 when we communicated with our State E-rate Coordinator. We contacted her because we had discovered we had omitted some items from the Form 470 and needed to know what to do. Upon reviewing that Form 470 application, the State E-rate Coordinator explained that we had not properly completed it because we did not itemize our equipment and service needs into individual service requests as required. We had submitted one service request for wiring but then listed multiple other types of equipment that we wished to purchase using the narrative section of the form.

We then resubmitted the Form 470 application (# 190029768) and completed it properly, on March 8, 2019. Upon expiration of the 28-day waiting period on April 5, we reviewed the various bids we received, and conducted a bid evaluation. Our board of directors met on April 8, 2019 and approved the recommendation and we signed an agreement with the winning bidder and finished and certified the Form 471 on April 10, 2019.

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We are aware that in previous years, the FCC has waived the Form 471 deadline for forms submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline. We believe that our request presents extenuating circumstances that support the waiver as being in the public interest. First, we substantially tried to comply with the program rules. Second, we reposted our properly completed Form 470 as soon as we discovered our error. Third, we filed our Form 471 as soon after the deadline as we could and within fourteen (14) days of the original deadline.

We hope the FCC will consider it to be in the public interest to grant our waiver request and treat our application as having been timely filed in the form 471 window.

Respectfully submitted,



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